(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not, arise.

Hubli-Ankola rail line

2699. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Hubli-Ankola new railway line project in Karnataka;

(b) the amount, so far, spent;

(c) whether the Forest Department has given clearance for taking up of the project in the forests;

(d) if so, when the clearance was given; and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to get the early clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Land acquisition, earthwork and bridge works have been taken up on Hubli-Kirvatti section. Proposal for diversion of forest land for this project has been taken up with the State Government.

(b) Rs. 53.90 crore has been incurred upto March,2005.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Matter has been taken up with State Government for early forwarding of the application to the Ministry of Environment & Forest.

Khanna rail accident

2700. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the findings and follow up action on the Khanna rail accident report; and

(b) whether all the affected persons/families of Khanna (Punjab) rail accident have got the compensation?